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## **ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO CELEBRATE NOVEMBER AS ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MONTH**

November is Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) month in Hawai'i. A number of events held throughout the month of November will highlight the many ways mediation is used to resolve disputes.

"ADR is often a good way for people to resolve disputes," says Elizabeth Kent, Director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, one of the organizations sponsoring ADR month. "These processes are often successful because they may reduce costs, save time, preserve relationships, keep matters private, and help people find their own solutions to their conflicts."

The honorary co-chairs, local celebrity Frank DeLima and the reigning Ms. Hawai'i, Olena Rubin, will participate in some of the events during ADR Month. Rubin gained experience as a peer mediator during her years at Kapa'a High School, and will be at the "The Mediation Fair" on Saturday, November 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Windward Mall.

"ADR. It works!" is this year's theme, and the ADR activities in November include free public forums, television appearances highlighting the many ways disputes are resolved outside of the courtroom, conflict resolution trainings, and an awards banquet for problem-solvers in the business community.

For details and a complete list of activities, log onto the Hawai'i State Judiciary, Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution's website at <http://www.courts.state.hi.us/cadr>.

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